

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2301**

November 10, 2021

Mr. Rob Manfred  
Commissioner of Baseball  
Major League Baseball  
1271 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10020

Commissioner Manfred:

We are writing to express our frustration and concern with the decision by Major League Baseball (MLB), Rawlings Sporting Goods (Rawlings), and Seidler Equity Partners to close Miken Sport's facility located in Caledonia, Minnesota. Your prompt attention to this letter is appreciated.

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The most troubling part of the announcement is that the bat production aspect of the operation will be reportedly moved to communist China. Such a move runs contrary to baseball's standing as America's Pastime. This decision to save money at the expense of American jobs is appalling and should be reversed.

Outsourcing American jobs to communist China is egregious on several levels given its role in the COVID-19 pandemic, countless human rights violations, and the consistent attempts to steal American intellectual property.

As elected officials at the state and federal level representing Caledonia, it is our duty to advocate for our constituents and small businesses. This decision by MLB, Rawlings, and Seidler Equity Partners will affect the livelihoods of families in a small, rural Midwestern town – an impact that far outweighs the reported \$4 million in savings.

We invite you to visit Caledonia, Minnesota, to see firsthand the Miken Sports facility and meet the people who will be losing their jobs as a result of the decision to close the plant and move production to China. Please follow up with Kris Skrzycki, Chief of Staff for Congressman Jim Hagedorn, at 202-225-2472.

The closing of Miken Sports will severely impact the Caledonia community, and we strongly encourage you to rethink the decision to offshore American jobs to communist China. Our rural communities deserve better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Hagedorn".

Jim Hagedorn  
Member of Congress  
Minnesota's First District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Davids".

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CC: Mr. Michael Zlaket (Rawlings Sporting Goods); Mr. Peter Seidler, Mr. Robert Seidler, Mr. Eric Kutsenda (Seidler Equity Partners)

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